

U.S. DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

September 7, 2004

Summary of Local Rule Amendments

The beginning pages listing judges, officers, addresses and phone numbers, and the Introduction have been updated.

LR 3.1 amended to include electronic filing.

LR 5.1 amended to include electronic service, courtesy paper copy for the judge if document over 100 pages, proof of service still required when a party files a document electronically and fax filing through vendor eliminated as of November 13, 2004.

LR 7.1 amended to eliminate reference to chamber's paper copy of cases. Counsel will be able to electronically attach cases when filing in the ECF system. Deleted sentence, "The time of the hearing need only be included if the movant requests oral argument." In the ECF System, attorneys must choose a time, "4:30 p.m.", for all motions without oral argument.

LR 10.1 amended to add the word "paper" to two-hole punch rule, added new ECF procedure concerning three-hole punch for judge's courtesy copy of documents over 100 pages, added new ECF procedure for paginating large documents including exhibits, added the court's web site for forms, added new privacy identifier (home address in criminal cases) adopted by the Judicial Conference regarding public access in criminal cases and added a new method (filing a reference list) for the court's access to personal identifiers.

LR 24.1 amended rule to eliminate the requirement to submit two paper copies of the notice. When the notice is filed, a copy can be provided to the United States Attorney from the electronic record.

LR 51.1 amended to provide the Court with an electronic copy of the Instructions that can be modified if desired. This copy will be emailed to the judge similar to the ECF procedures for proposed orders.

LR 54.1 amended for clarification.

LR 55.1 amended to reflect new Servicemembers Civil Relief Act of 2003 which revises the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 previously cited.

LR 67.1 amended to allow attorneys to email the proposed order to Finance rather than personally delivering a copy.

LR 83.2 amended to provide clarification on the procedure for government attorneys employed outside of the district appearing on behalf of the United States and procedures for admitting attorneys who are employed by the U.S. Attorney or the Federal Defender in the district.

LR 83.6 - new rule adopted. Persons Appearing Without an Attorney, Pro Se Litigants. A corporation including a limited liability corporation, a partnership including a limited liability partnership, an unincorporated association, or a trust may not appear in any action or proceeding pro se.

LMR 12 amended to state that a consent form will be included with the notice and amended wording to reflect scheduling conference rather than status conference.